## Rambler Writes of Richard Bland Lee and His Work

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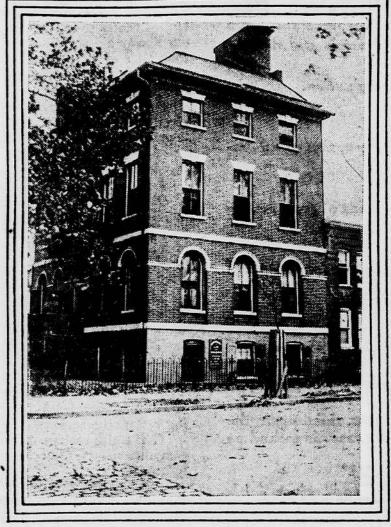
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That house, which was the home of Richard Bland Lee, stands at the northeast corner of 6th and N streets southwest. It is three stories high, with a deep, well lighted basement. Two broad, heavy chimneys rise above the roof. The house has had several occupants whose names are famous in local annals, and its present use is told by two signs upon its walls. On the west front by the side of the main entrance is this: "Washington Sanitarium Mission Hospital," and on the basement wall at the south front is this: "Dispensary and Clinic for Men, Women and Children—Daily 1 to 2 p.m., except Sunday."

Richard Bland Lee bought this property, together with several other lots in that square, which is square No. 502, bounded by 6th, 41/2, M and N streets, in 1816. Though some persons are strong-1816. Though some persons are strongly tempted to refer to the house as "the Richard Bland Lee house," there are those who prefer to designate it as "the Law house," or the home of Thomas Law, son of Lerd Ellenborough, an officer under the government of India, who came to the United States from India in 1794, arrived in Washington in 1795, married Eliza Parke Custis, a grand-daught of Mrs. George Washington, in 1796; became Washington in 1750; became one of the builders of the federal city, died here in 1834, and was laid to rest in old St. John's burying ground. His remains were removed from that cemetery to Rock Creek cemetery, and presumably at the time of the removal of his remains his gravestone had disappeared, for his ashes repose among the "unknown." His biographer. Allen C. Clark, has written: "Law's life was a success. Brick and stone are monuments of his usefulness. His gentle words and kindly deeds have made imperishable impress. No tablet marks his resting place. Though his grave is unknown, his fame will not fade away." The house at the northeast corner of 6th and N streets was standing in 1796. Thomas Twining, an English tourist

I had not long returned to my own room after breakfast this morning before I was told that a gentleman had called upon me and was waiting n the passage below. When I was within a few teps of the bottom of the stairs a gentleman dvanced lastly to meet me, and, taking me varmly by the hand, said: "I am sure you are



The first reference to Richard Bland Lee which the Rambler finds in the land records of the District of Columbia is a purchase from the commissioners of the new federal territory in 1792 of a lot in the square between L and K, 26th and 27th streets, the lot facing south on K street about

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## Santo Domingo and the Proposed American Naval Base at Samana Bay Again Coming Into Limelight

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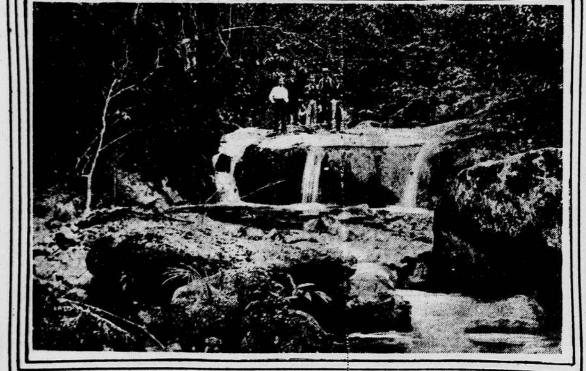
# A Day on the Crowded Paris Boulevard in War Time

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